

# EDNY ADR Department Columbia Law School Ethics Colloquium

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**November 1, 2018  
5:00pm – 7:00pm**

## **Power Imbalance in the Wake of Trauma**

**Presenter: Professor Alexandra Carter  
Columbia Law School**

A traumatic event---a nearly fatal accident, losing one's home in a natural disaster, or being a victim of sexual assault---might affect how a person reacts to a stressful situation, even many years after the traumatic event. Such trauma might also affect a party's performance in mediation, diminishing her ability to communicate clearly her feelings, her interests, and goals. How can a mediator, operating within her role and without psychiatric expertise, recognize the signs of trauma? In this interactive workshop, we will explore the latest research on trauma and the ways it may surface in mediation. We then provide a forum for experienced mediators and advocates to discuss best practices for working with trauma in mediation, and understand the ways in which the effects of such trauma may intersect with mediators' ethical obligations.

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